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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Gregory C. Issing	Art Unit 3662	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 April 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 19-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 19-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date, _____.
3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>4/2006</u> .	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 19-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pellon (5,274,386) in view of Kroeger (7,127,008).

3. Pellon teaches the antenna array processor substantially as claimed including a plurality of antenna elements 12, 14a-14n, each coupled to a signal processing chain comprising a weighting phase using complex coefficients on a digitized IF signal 26 wherein each chain comprises splitting the signal into a real and imaginary signal, multiplying the real and imaginary signal by respective real 244 and imaginary 245 coefficients and combining 252 the processed real and imaginary components by subtracting the imaginary from the real component, see Figure 2. Pellon further teach the use of digital product detectors DPD 228/229 wherein each DPD produces an in-phase component 296a/297a and quadrature phase component 296b/297b and wherein the in-phase component 297a is subtracted from the in phase component 296a.

4. Pellon does not specify the use of a Hilbert Transform as the DPD.

5. Kroeger teaches, see Figure 4 for example, the conventionality of the use of a Hilbert transform 64 and time delay 60 in respective paths in order to combine the real and imaginary components of a signal into an in-phase detected signal.

6. It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Pellon by incorporating the use of a Hilbert transform/time delay in the signal processing chain in order to provide a quadrature signal generator that generates

quadrature signals and subsequently combine the real and imaginary components in-phase and generate a detected signal of improved signal performance due to the reduction in mismatches between the real and imaginary components in view of the teachings of Kroeger. The dependent claims are shown and/or are obvious to the skilled artisan in the use of a communication antenna array using digital beamforming. The teachings for a communication system make obvious the use in a base station.

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Hershberger (6,711,214) discloses a receiver chain, see Figure 11, including elements 202, 204 and 218. Monteleone et al (4,779,054) disclose a digital product detector circuit.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory C. Issing whose telephone number is (571)-272-6973. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 6:00 AM- 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Tarcza can be reached on (571)-272-6979. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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